Sl. No.	Items	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
	Knitted or crocheted fabrics			
	iv) Cotton	Nil	12*	8
	v) Man-made / blended	16	12	10
	vi) Industrial fabric falling under Ch. No. 5901,5902,5903,5907-11, 5907-12	Varies from Nil to 21	Varies from Nil to 21	16
5.	GARMENTS			
	i)AII woven garment	16	12	10
	ii) Knitted cotton garments	16	12*	8
	iii) Other knitted garments	16	12	10
	iv) Made-ups	16	12	10

* Optional duty

There has been no change in the rate of Textiles Committee Cess during the last three years.

(e) The details of Central Excise Duty and Textiles Committee Cess during the last three years are indicated below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Central Excise Duty	Textiles Committee Cess
2001-02	4301	36.72
2002-03	4270	38.18
2003-04	3551	42.40

Free power to farmers

*132. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is against giving free power to farmers as a general policy;

(b) whether any State Government has come before the Ministry with a proposal that it wishes to give free power to its farmers;

(c) whether the Ministry is going to extend any help to such States; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance that the Ministry is going to extend to such States?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have the powers to fix tariff for sale of electricity to consumers including farmers. However, if the State Government requires the grant of any subsidy to any consumer or class of consumers in the tariff determined by the State Commissions, the State Government shall pay to the concerned utility/licensee the full amount required to compensate the grant of subsidy. The State Government is expected to provide for the same in their budget.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Hike in coal price

*133. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India has increased coal price by 16 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government should not have instead reduce the high import duty on coal; and

(c) whether this will not lead to further financial emaciation of State Electricity Boards particularly as fuel surcharge cannot be passed on to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI SHIBU SOREN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import duty on coal is quite low. Non-coking coal used for power generation is levied an import duty of 5% only.

(c) The cost of coal to the power utilities comprises the basic price charged by the coal companies, royalty and sales tax paid to the State Governments, excise duty on stowing of sand, cess in respect of coal produced in the State of West Bengal and transportation and handling charges etc. The basic price is only a fraction of the ultimate total cost to the consumers. It is estimated that the impact of the recent increase in